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| Interview Summary | Application No. | Applicant(s) | |
| | 10/658,464 | KATOU ET AL. | |
| | Examiner | Art Unit | |
| | Hau V. Phan | 3618 | |

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Hau V. Phan. (3) _____

(2) Marc Weinstein. (4) _____

Date of Interview: 03 January 2007.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1,4 and 9.

Identification of prior art discussed: Morisawa et al. (6,306,057); Manaka (6,434,928).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The prior art does not specifically disclose a dividing wall, which is made of a magnetic material in claim 1. Claim 4, the prior art does not disclose a pilot clutch having a small diameter than the diameter of the main clutch. Claim 9, the prior art does not disclose a tip end, which is supported by an end of the output shaft of the engine..

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.



Examiner's signature, if required